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This is a request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) of prior application Serial Number 08/691,434, filed on August 2, 1996, entitled APPARATUS FOR PROCESSING A SEMICONDUCTOR (As Amended).

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. §154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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1. [] Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
2. [] A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
3. [] This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. [] DELETE _____
 - b. []
4. [] A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
5. [X] Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed:
 - a. [X] PTO-1449
 - b. [X] Copies of IDS Citations

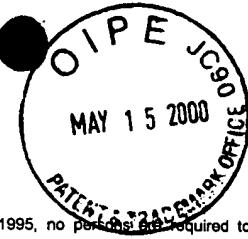
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CLAIMS	(1) FOR	(2) NUMBER FILED	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) RATE	(5) CALCULATIONS
	TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR § 1.16(c) or (i))	86 - 20* =	66	X \$18.00 =	\$1,188.00
	INDEPENDENT CLAIMS (37 CFR § 1.16(b) or (i))	15 - 3** =	12	X \$78.00 =	\$936.00
	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR § 1.16(d))			+ \$260.00 =	\$260.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR § 1.16)	\$690.00
				TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =	\$3,074.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27 & 1.28).				
	*Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. **Reissue independent claims over original patent.			TOTAL =	\$3,074.00

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- a. [] A small entity statement is enclosed, if (b) and (c) do not apply.
- b. [] A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. [] Is no longer claimed.

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- a. [X] Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- b. [X] Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17.
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9. [] New Attorney Docket Number, if desired _____

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10. a. [] Receipt For Facsimile Transmitted CPA (PTO/SB29A)

- b. [X] Return Receipt Postcard (Should be specifically itemized, See MPEP 503)

11. [] Other:

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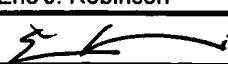
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